GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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BENEFITS/FACILITIES TO HOTEL INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to extend more benefits and facilities to hotel industry to earn more foreign exchange; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): On the initiative of the Department of Tourism a meeting was held with the representatives of the Tourism Industry Associations to consider their proposals for Pre- Budget discussions, out of which, the grant of Infrastructure Status to Tourism Industry, to allow Income Tax benefits under Section 80-HHD for restaurants, Heritagehotels and other tourism related agencies such as Amusement Parks, Convention Centres and Adventure Tour Operators etc.in Tourism Sector and the abolition of Expenditure Tax have been prioritised and recommended for consideration.